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For: APPARATUS CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD

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- [X] Specification (14 Pages of Specification, Claims, & Abstract);
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- [X] Certified copy of a **GREAT BRITAIN** application Serial No.9930851.2;
- [X] Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3)
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